

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The proposed legislation has two primary objectives: (1) The legislation amends section 67-5745D, Idaho Code, to separate the network facility creation responsibilities of the Department of Administration from those duties that relate to the coordination and distribution of instructional and training services, materials and courses, which are, currently the responsibility of the State Superintendent of Education and the State Department of Education. In addition the amendment to section 67-5745D, Idaho Code, more clearly defines the role of the Department of Administration in complying with federal law and regulations necessary to assist in the receipt of federal universal support funding. (2) The legislation moves the current statutory responsibilities of the State Superintendent of Education and the Department of Education to the education sections (Title 33) of Idaho Code. The legislation delineates the duties and responsibilities of the Superintendent and the Department with reference to utilization of the IEN, delivery of appropriate educational resources to school districts and Idaho's students, and coordination of those resources with institutions of higher education. To assist in those duties, the legislation provides for the appointment of an IEN Program and Resource Advisory Council, consisting of representatives from the public and private sectors, to advise and assist the Department of Education and the Superintendent in performing their duties. The legislation also provides for a technical subcommittee of the Council, chaired by the CIO of the Department of Administration, to advise and assist the Department of Administration in the technical development and operation of the IEN.

FISCAL NOTE

Minimal fiscal impact consisting only of per diem and travel expense, estimated not to exceed \$10,000.

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